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Midwife and Physician Agreement

This written agreement is between _____ midwife,
 and his/her supervising physician _____ and
 his/her alternate supervising physician _____.

(In accordance with Regulations, before a midwife may practice, the midwife shall enter into a written agreement with a physician concerning the performance by the midwife of the functions authorized by the regulations. §140-50.3-003105)

I. Practice Site: _____

II. Midwife’s Scope of Practice

- (a) The midwife shall perform only those midwifery services appropriate to his or her specific training and experience, which may include, but are not limited to:
- periodic exams, including gynecological care, primary care, health screening and counseling with a focus on health promotion and disease prevention;
 - history and physical exams;
 - first exams for young women;
 - family planning and prescribing of birth control methods;
 - pre-conception counseling;
 - well woman and adolescent gynecological care;
 - perimenopausal and postmenopausal counseling and care;
 - comprehensive maternity care including prenatal, labor, delivery, postpartum and newborn care;
 - hospital admission, rounds and discharge;
 - inducing and augmenting labor by using both pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic modalities;
 - assisting at surgical procedures;
 - obstetric and gynecologic screening procedures;
 - evaluation and treatment of common health problems;
 - public education activities;
 - ordering diagnostic tests; and
 - referral to specialists.

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- (b) The midwife will immediately report to her/his supervising physician regarding:
 - any patient admitted to labor and delivery;
 - any pregnancy assessed as being high risk; and
 - any patient assessed as requiring further management by a physician.
- (c) The midwife is not authorized to order, prescribe or dispense controlled substances.

III. Supervising Physician

- (a) The supervising physician shall possess a current unrestricted license to practice in the CNMI, is in good standing with the Board and shall be:
 - a licensed physician who is board certified as an obstetrician gynecologist by a national certifying body; or
 - a licensed physician who practices obstetrics and has full surgical obstetric privileges at the Commonwealth Health Center.
- (b) The midwife need not practice under the direct supervision of her/his supervising physician.
- (c) The supervising physician shall review and co-sign a minimum of 5% of all in-patient encounters and a minimum of 5% of all outpatient encounters by the midwife, within thirty (30) calendar days.
- (d) The supervising physician will direct and exercise supervision over the midwife in accordance with the regulations and recognizes that he or she retains full professional and legal responsibility for the performance of the midwife and the care and treatment of the patient.
- (e) The supervising physician shall provide adequate means for direct communication at all times between the midwife and him or her; that direct communication may occur through the use of technology which may include, but is not limited to, two-way radio, telephone, fax machine, internet, or other telecommunication device.
- (f) The supervising physician shall designate an alternate supervising physician in his or her absence. That alternate physician must satisfy all requirements of a primary supervising physician.
- (g) The supervising physician is responsible for securely maintaining patient records for at least six (6) years, including the obstetrical record. And further, the retention shall be required, if the patient is a minor, until at least one (1) year after the minor reaches the age of twenty-one (21) years. Except that these periods shall vary if a provision of law specifically requires otherwise.

- (h) During the period of outlined supervision, the supervising physician's judgment shall prevail as to whether the pregnancy, childbirth or postpartum care is within the scope of practice and abilities of the midwife.

IV. General Provisions

- (a) No licensed midwife may practice without a valid Written Agreement on file with the Board. Any change to the approved written agreement must be reviewed and approved by the Board prior to any change taking effect. Practicing without an approved Written Agreement shall be grounds for disciplinary action.
- (b) The supervising physician(s) and the midwife shall notify the Board in writing within seven (7) days of the termination of the written agreement.
- (c) The midwife and the supervising physician(s) whose signatures below executed this agreement must comply with P.L. 15-105 and the rules and regulations of the Health Care Professions Licensing Board, specifically §140-50.3-3100-3114 and any amendments thereto.

Supervising Physician	
Print Name:	
Sign:	Date

Alternate Supervising Physician	
Print Name:	
Sign:	Date

Midwife	
Print Name:	
Sign:	Date

APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/>	DISAPPROVED <input type="checkbox"/>
Chairman Signature:	Date
Reason for disapproval:	